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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 – 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Himmel et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,037,934) (Named Bookmark Sets).

2.1 Regarding claim 1, Himmel discloses a system for accessing servers of acceptable domains and acceptable URLs by a computer of a user on the Internet, said system comprising a web browser configured to have contained therewithin

a list of the acceptable domains and a database listing at least one of the acceptable URLs (Abstract "Browser based access to the Internet is allowed according to the URLs in the active bookmark set."; col. 10, lines 1 – 8 and 42 – 47 "In a kiosk, typically sponsored by a vendor, the browser may only have access to specific addresses.");

said web browser having a requested URL enterable therein by the user, and once entered, said web browser determines if the requested URL is in said list of the acceptable domains, and if so, said web browser accesses the server associated with the requested URL, and if not, said web browser determines if the requested URL is

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listed in said database, and if so, said web browser accesses the server associated with the requested URL, and if not, said web browser displays on the computer of the user a "requested URL is not accessible" message (Abstract; col. 10, lines 1 – 8 and 42 – 47 "It would be much more useful to restrict access to unique URLs using the browser itself. While the embodiment above provides one means of controlling access to the web to the **list of active bookmarks**, its control is primarily a positive one."; col. 9, lines 50 – 54 "If a match for the URL is not found, or in a subdirectory of a listed URL, step 205, a **panel is shown to the user indicating an error has occurred**; e.g., 'The requested web site can not be browsed with the current active bookmark set', step 206.").

2.2 Per claim 2, Himmel teaches the system as defined in claim 1, wherein said web browser is configured by a system administrator (col. 9, lines 54 – 55).

2.3 Regarding claim 3, Himmel discloses the system as defined in claim 1, wherein said web browser further contains a homepage having a URL selected from the acceptable URLs listed in said database (col. 5, lines 28 – 30; col. 7, lines 44 - 51).

2.4 Per claim 4, Himmel teaches the system as defined in claim 3, wherein said requested URL is entered by way of one of directly into the web browser and into the homepage of said web browser (col. 5, lines 28 – 35; col. 7, lines 44 - 51).

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2.5 Regarding claim 5, Himmel discloses the system as defined in claim 4, wherein said requested URL is entered into said web browser by *typing the requested URL* on said homepage thereof when said requested URL is entered by way of said homepage of said web browser (col. 1, line 62 – col. 2, line 3).

2.6 Per claim 6, Himmel teaches the system as defined in claim 4, wherein said requested URL is entered into said web browser by clicking on an icon displayed on said homepage thereof and being representative of the requested URL when said requested URL is entered by way of said homepage of said web browser (col. 5, lines 28 – 35 “the user may also traverse to another Web page by **clicking** high-lighted words, images or graphics in a page ...”).

2.7 Regarding claim 7, Himmel discloses the system as defined in claim 4, wherein said requested URL is entered into said web browser by choosing from a list of favorite URLs (*bookmarks*) displayable on said homepage thereof when said requested URL is entered by way of said homepage of said web browser (Abstract; col. 10, lines 1 – 8 and 42 – 47).

2.8 Per claim 8, Himmel teaches the system as defined in claim 1; further comprising a temporary database contained in said web browser and containing a list of additional acceptable URLs that said web browser checks the requested URL against if the requested URL is not listed in said database, and if the requested URL is listed in said

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temporary database, said web browser accesses the server associated with the requested URL (col. 14, lines 49 – 65 “temporary bookmark set”).

2.9 Regarding claim 9, Himmel discloses the system as defined in claim 8, wherein said temporary database is configured by the system administrator (col. 9, lines 54 – 55 “a privileged user could change bookmark sets”; col. 8, lines 4 - 13).

2.10 Per claim 10, Himmel teaches the system as defined in claim 8; further comprising a web browser download site being logged onto, and once logged thereon, allowing access to the computer of the user (col. 8, lines 29 - 50).

2.11 Regarding claim 11, Himmel discloses the system as defined in claim 10, wherein said web browser download site is logged onto by the system administrator (col. 7, lines 25 - 32).

2.12 Per claim 12, Himmel teaches the system as defined in claim 10, wherein said web browser download site is logged onto from the computer of the user (col. 5, lines 28 – 30; col. 7, lines 44 – 51; col. 8, lines 29 - 50).

2.13 Regarding claim 13, Himmel discloses the system as defined in claim 10, wherein said web browser download site is logged onto from any computer other than the computer of the user having a normal web browser (col. 5, lines 28 – 30; col. 7, lines

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44 – 51; col. 8, lines 29 - 50).

2.14 Per claim 14, Himmel does not explicitly teach the system as defined in claim 10, wherein said web browser download site allows downloading of said web browser into the computer of the user.

However, some sort of web browser software updating means for kiosks would be essential in the kiosk environment of Himmel. A web browser download site is a commonplace way to accomplish this essential task.

2.15 Regarding claim 15, Himmel discloses the system as defined in claim 10, wherein said web browser download site allows downloading of said temporary database into said web browser in the computer of the user (col. 14, lines 49 – 65).

2.16 Per claim 16, Himmel teaches the system as defined in claim 10, wherein said web browser download site allows revising at least one of said list of the acceptable domains, said database, and said temporary database by utilizing software already contained in said downloaded web browser (col. 14, lines 49 – 65).

2.17 Regarding claim 17, Himmel does not explicitly disclose the system as defined in claim 10, wherein said web browser download site allows checking for corrupt web browser software in the computer of the user.

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The checking for corrupt software is essential when downloading software.

2.18 Per claim 18, Himmel does not explicitly teach the system as defined in claim 10, wherein said web browser download site allows placing cookies into the computer of the user.

The use of cookies is a commonplace customization tool.

2.19 Regarding claim 19 – 23, the rejection of claims 1 – 18 under 35 USC 102(b) (paragraphs 2.1 – 2.17 above) applies fully.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth R Coulter whose telephone number is 703 305-8447. The examiner can normally be reached on 5 4 9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 703 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.



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